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MESSAGE

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1. Response To Election Requirement.

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASAHIRO FUSHIMI, ET AL.) Examiner: Mariceli Santiago
Application No.: 10/761,279) Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: January 22, 2004)
For: METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS) January 13, 2006

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the requirement to elect between allegedly distinct species dated December 13, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute Species III, namely the embodiment depicted in Figure 4. Claims 12 to 19 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

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Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested to receive an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 21, 2004.

It is also respectfully requested for the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the Japanese priority application filed in this case on January 22, 2004.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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